

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

LADDY CURTIS VALENTINE and §
RICHARD ELVIN KING, individually and §
on behalf of those similarly situated, §
Plaintiffs, §
§
v. § Civil Action No. 4:20-cv-01115
§
BRYAN COLLIER, in his official capacity, §
ROBERT HERRERA, in his official capacity, §
And TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL §
JUSTICE, §
Defendants. §

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF APPEAL

TO THE HONORABLE KEITH P. ELLISON:

Notice is hereby given that Defendants Bryan Collier (“Collier”), Robert Herrera (“Herrera”), and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (“TDCJ”) (collectively, “Defendants”), hereby appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from the district court’s Preliminary Injunction Order (ECF 40) of April 16, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

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NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

I, CHRISTIN COBE VASQUEZ, Assistant Attorney General of Texas, certify that I have electronically submitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing for filing in accordance with the Court's electronic filing system, on April 17, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, CHRISTIN COBE VASQUEZ, Assistant Attorney General of Texas, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Defendants' Notice of Appeal** has been served electronically upon all counsel of record *via* the electronic filing system of the Southern District of Texas, on April 17, 2020.

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